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Alinco DJ580 (2 msgs)
Best 2-meter HT

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modification that can be done to be able to transmit on that
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sar1952@jhunix.hcf.jhu.edu (Steven A Rubin) writes:

>There is a new ham band on 902 Mhz, or so I have heard. Is there a
>modification that can be done to be able to transmit on that

>frequency?

Sorry, the DJ580 is designed to transmit only on 2M and 70cm. Your best bet is to use a transverter. The 902 MHz band is not new and is shared with many other services and has a severe power limitation. Don't try to set up a repeater there. In my opinion, the only attraction of 902 MHz is that one can re-tune a cell-phone to work there...KG7BK

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Okay, enough already! No offense to Andrew, but:

In <275uci\$7qa@mtu.edu> drew@zaphod.mg.mtu.edu (Andrew Benson) writes:

>Greetings all! I'm getting ready to buy a 2-meter set,
>either mobile or hand-held, and was looking for recommendations.
>What features, brands, and models should I look for? Are there
>any problem areas to look for if I buy used? What are good places
>to buy from? What kind of power and features are 'standard' things?

I'm pretty easy about this, and often take the time to email my own opinions and experiences to the requester; especially if they have taken the time and are looking at one or two models.

But, Andrew (and others), PLEASE do some research before cluttering up the net bandwidth! Features etc! Mobile and hand-held! Where to buy! You MUST have some idea of what you want and how much you are willing to spend and if you are willing to mail-order or only buy locally, etc. QST, CQ, 73, Buyers Guides, and manufacturers brochures are all available. Net archives have a lot of information. Also, don't abuse it if you don't intend to buy from them, but if you have a local ham store, they will be glad to fill your hands with info and even let you play with the radios. Even the mail order places will answer questions about specific models and tell you about the latest sale prices, mail you a catalog, brochures, etc.

You'll then have more comparison data than you can handle. Last time I went through this, I used my home pc and spreadsheet to enter all the "features" etc I was interested in for ready comparison. Even used that as a prompter to fill in the empty cells to complete the comparison. You could do the same thing with pencil and paper.

Eventually you'll find a couple of models you are really considering. If you could live with only one, why bother asking others? Just buy it. If you'll only buy the lowest cost unit, don't ask us, just buy it. If you really will choose based on our opinion and you have been reading the 'net but haven't seen others comments on the Zm2/440 compared to the Xray700, then post a request for comments on those two units by people who own or have owned them. It is polite to request email of these comments and tell the 'net you will gather the information and post a summary (do not just regurgitate the email!).

Yes, netters, I know I've just contributed to the noise floor. And no I do not mean to limit debate about products. I'm just amazed by the requests of this type and the implication that there are people who might buy the Xray700 just because the week they posted the request all the Zm2/440 users were at a conference in San Juan.

P.S. If you must flame me for this post, at least do so via email where I will cheerfully redirect them to /dev/null.

Cheers & 73 Ed Humphries -- N5RCK
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